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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present claims, in light of the attached claim clarifications and the Remarks, which follow, is respectfully requested.

Claims now before the Examiner are 1-8 and 10-31.

The sole reason for filing this paper is to address the Examiner's holding of non-compliance for reason of the use of strikethrough versus brackets to amend claims 1, 5 and 6. Applicant assumes that the remainder of the Preliminary Amendment of February 12, 2004 was entered. Therefore the amendments to the Specification have been omitted and the claims have been listed as though the Preliminary Amendment was entered but for the incorrect method of amending claims 1, 5 and 6. The resubmitted claims are respectfully submitted to address the Objection

Withdrawal of the Objection is respectfully requested.

The claims are in condition for allowance.

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